

Salem County YSC
April 4, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 12:29 pm by Jean Kuhl and Jim Whitt.

Attendees: 18 members, 5 providers, 3 guests/community members

Approval of last month's meeting minutes: Jim Whitt Motioned to accept and Maggie Vaughn seconded, all were in favor, no corrections.

Committee Reports:

Planning and allocations – They met after last months' meeting to ensure everything was in line regarding how the Substance Abuse Funds and the Sex Offender funds would be utilized. The committee along with Spenser Young decided that they would be treated as Client Specific funds but tracked separately; Substance Abuse funds has \$16,900 and the Sex Offenders has \$5,000. If anyone needs to access these services, the Judge will order it, Greg Wolf will schedule the service and send the authorization to Spenser Young, Spenser will forward the approval to the Inter Agency Council to process for payment. Payment will be made on a quarterly basis.

The Committee is still looking for a substance abuse treatment provider.

Quality Assurance – Nothing to report as there is no monitoring at this time. Armando Gonzalez stated that once they get back from the JDAI Portland trip, they will start a schedule for the monitoring process. More information will be coming.

JET – They met on 4/3/18 and had a really good discussion. Greg and Armando will meet with Ron Hudak and Chuck Goldstein to continue planning for one juvenile who is being released on 4/10/18 but doesn't have any where to stay until 4/19/18 when Ranch Hope will have a place for him. The next JET meeting will be May 1, 2018.

Administrators Report – Frank Carozza thanked everyone for their help and cooperation in getting the programs where they are today. The contracts are out and we are waiting for one more to be returned.

In February, there was one Client Specific Fund Substance Abuse Evaluation ordered. We are working on refining this process.

2017 4th Quarter payments should be issued from the IAC soon. We are waiting on the funds to pass through the County.

According to Frank's math, the providers spent over \$196,000 of the contract monies for 2017. That is a wonderful thing to happen considering the contracts didn't go out until May of last year. Thank you for all your wonderful work.

Providers: Please log into JAMS soon. If you cannot log in, please contact Frank and he will work with the JJC to make sure your access is renewed.

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School Providers: After Frank returns from the JDAI Portland trip, he will be making arrangements to visit the schools and work with you to ensure you are ready for the monitoring and help with the JAMS reporting as needed.

JJC Liaison Report – Spenser was not in attendance.

Providers Reports:

Robins Nest – Breaking Limits has 5 open slots, they are working with schools to fill those slots.

Grounded – has no one in the program

Connect 2 – has 1 active and 2 pending

Cognitive Skills Program will be starting In April.

The Summer Youth Employment program is working on hiring staffing for the program.

They will be ready by a start date of June. This program will run through the summer months.

YAP –Pay It Forward currently has 8 active clients; 2 are prevention, 6 are diversion.

Quinton Township – They will be turning in their contract today. They are hoping to start services over the summer with field trips. The permission slips for next years 7th and 8th graders are going home soon. At the beginning of next school year, they will start the weekly meetings for Culture Club.

On a side note: they are losing their before and after school service at the end of this school year. If anyone with a child care center license would be interested in staffing the school from 6:30 to 8:15 am and 3:00 to 5:30 pm, please contact Quinton School.

Schalick HS / Pittsgrove MS – All their clubs are up and running with a minimum of 10 kids and no more than 32 in each club. The clubs are running Monday thru Thursday.

Penns Grove HS – they have 32 current students. Sharon Riley reported that they have lots of plans in process: college trips, volleyball league, field trips to Rutgers, African-American Museum, and roller skating.

JDAI: Armando Gonzalez reported that there is a team heading to Portland, OR next week to preview and learn from the National Model for JDAI. He will have much more to report at the next meeting.

The Vo-tech will probably be the cornerstone of our JDAI project in Salem County.

Jack Swain added that he is excited about this prospect. He shared that keeping youth busy and engaged is very important to their success and he believes that this program will do that.

Old Business – No old business

New Business – No new business

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Announcements –

Jean Kuhl shared several stories about her experience in with Child Abuse Awareness. She is very happy with all the good things that the providers and community members on this committee report doing in the community. Please don't be discouraged when things look grim; good things are being done.

Melissa DeCastro would like to do a Proclamation at the next Freeholders meeting for Child Abuse Awareness month.

Chuck Goldstein reported that he has been nominated by the Board of NASW-NJ to be their President. He asked for votes from anyone who is a voting member of the Board of NASW-NJ.

Maggie Vaughn shared that there will be a Technology Dependence Presentation on 4/11/18 at the Salem Community College and she highly recommends everyone attend as this might be the next addiction.

Amy Kiger shared about the County Wide In-Service that was sponsored by the CIACC Committee on March 16th. There were many providers who set up tables to share information about their services with the teachers. There were 4 presentations offered, Gaming and How it Can Lead to a Gambling Addiction, Children of Substance Abusers, Narcan Training, Better Strides for Better Fitness. All of presentations had a good registration except for the Gaming one, which was canceled due to lack of interest.

Daffonie Moore announced that the Salem Family Success Center is back at 14 New Market St, Salem. She shared the calendar for April. They have lots of new programming.

Jack Swain announced that there will be a walk at Schalick High School for the Special Services District on April 14th.

On April 21st there will be the 3rd annual Car Show at the Salem County Vo-Tech. They have lots of activities planned in addition to many lovely cars being shown.

Jack Swain also shared that for a long time, they have not offered night classes but recently they offered the Welding class in the evening and were able to fill all the slots. This was a good thing for the people who were able to attend the class.

April 11th is the SCRATCH Coalition quarterly meeting. Don't forget to register to attend.

Since there were so many new faces, everyone around the room introduced themselves and where they work.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 with a motion from Jim Whitt and seconded by Sarah Kuhl. The next meeting will be May 1st at noon at the Southern Regional Child Care Building located at 5 Route 45, Salem.